

What is claimed is:

1. A substantially purified polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 or a fragment of SEQ ID NO:1.

2. A substantially purified variant having at least 90% amino acid sequence identity to the sequence of claim 1.

3. An isolated and purified polynucleotide encoding the polypeptide of claim 1.

4. An isolated and purified polynucleotide variant having at least 90% polynucleotide sequence identity to the polynucleotide of claim 3.

5. An isolated and purified polynucleotide which hybridizes under stringent conditions to the polynucleotide of claim 3.

6. An isolated and purified polynucleotide which is complementary to the polynucleotide of claim 3.

7. An isolated and purified polynucleotide comprising the polynucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 or a fragment of SEQ ID NO:2.

8. An isolated and purified polynucleotide variant having at least 90% polynucleotide sequence identity to the polynucleotide of claim 7.

9. An isolated and purified polynucleotide having a sequence complementary to the polynucleotide of claim 7.

10. An expression vector containing at least a fragment of the polynucleotide of claim 3.

11. A host cell containing the expression vector of claim 10.

12. A method for producing a polypeptide comprising a sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 or a fragment of SEQ ID NO:1, the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) culturing the host cell of claim 11 under conditions suitable for the expression of the polypeptide; and
- (b) recovering the polypeptide from the host cell culture.

13. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the polypeptide of claim 1 in conjunction with a suitable pharmaceutical carrier.

14. A purified antibody which specifically binds to the polypeptide of claim 1.

15. A purified agonist of the polypeptide of claim 1.

16. A purified antagonist of the polypeptide of claim 1.

17. A method for treating or preventing a neurological disorder, the method comprising administering to a subject in need of such treatment an effective amount of the pharmaceutical composition of claim 13.

18. A method for treating or preventing a reproductive disorder, the method comprising administering to a subject in need of such treatment an effective amount of the pharmaceutical composition of claim 13.

19. A method for treating or preventing a cell proliferative disorder, the method comprising administering to a subject in need of such treatment an effective amount of the pharmaceutical composition of claim 13.

20. A method for detecting a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide comprising

the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 in a biological sample containing nucleic acids, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) hybridizing the polynucleotide of claim 6 to at least one of the nucleic acids of the biological sample, thereby forming a hybridization complex; and

5 (b) detecting the hybridization complex, wherein the presence of the hybridization complex correlates with the presence of a polynucleotide encoding the polypeptide in the biological sample.

21. The method of claim 20 wherein the nucleic acids of the biological sample are
10 amplified by the polymerase chain reaction prior to the hybridizing step.

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